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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

(1) Mori, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,613,782, issued September 23, 1986.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

(2) Yoshida et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,589,723, issued December 31, 1996.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

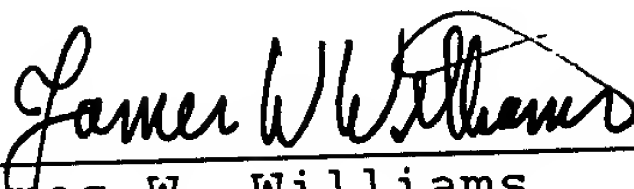
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